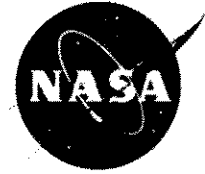


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FROM: Deputy Agency Ethics Official

SUBJECT: Determination Regarding Attendance by NASA Employees at the NASA 50th
Anniversary Celebration Gala Reception.

The Ohio Aerospace Institute (OAI) will host the NASA 50th Anniversary Celebration Gala Reception honoring Ohio's Astronauts and the achievements of the NASA Glenn Research Center. On the evening of August 29, 2008, the reception will be held from 6:30-7:30pm at the Marriott Key Center, 127 Public Square in Cleveland, OH. This event will be a widely attended gathering of approximately 2000 persons including civil servants from NASA and other agencies, Government officials, Congress members, aerospace industry leaders, local government officials, education institution leaders, and non-profit and not for profit leaders. The Ohio Aerospace Institute will provide food, beverages and entertainment at a cost of approximately \$37.50 per person.

I find this event meets the requirements of a "widely attended gathering" as defined in 5 C.F.R. § 2635.204(g). I further determine that there is an Agency interest having NASA personnel attend the event. The event will serve as a forum for facilitating information concerning the Agency, the United States civilian space programs, and technology with individuals from the corporate and non-profit sectors, other federal agencies and academia. Accordingly, NASA employees whose duties do not substantially affect the Ohio Aerospace institute may accept an invitation for themselves for free attendance at the reception.

NASA employees whose duties may substantially affect these co-sponsors, such as by way of procurement duties, should seek an individual determination pursuant to 5 C.F.R. § 2635.204(g)(3)(i) regarding participation in this event from their ethics counselor.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. William Sikora".

J. William Sikora
Chief Counsel
Glenn Research Center